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PARIS FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON/ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE

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1. I WENT OVER TODAY (APRIL 4) WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA THE CONTENTS OF REFTTEL. I LEFT WITH HIM AN INFORMAL TALKING POINTS PAPER DRAWN FROM PARAS 6-8. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PAPER AND OUR CONVERSATION TO AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO, THE HEAD OF THE BRAZILIAN PREPCON DELEGATION, WHO IS ALREADY IN PARIS ATTENDING THE PRE-PREPCON MEETING OF THE SEVEN "LDCS".

2. SILVEIRA TOLD ME AT THE OUTSET OF OUR TALK THAT BRAZIL HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE MEETING OF THE SEVEN BY MEANS OF A LETTER FROM CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. THE LETTER, I DEDUCED, HAD GONE INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PREPCON AND FULL CONFERENCES. UPON RECEIPT OF THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S LETTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD
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CHECKED WITH THE FIVE OTHER GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED BEFORE

AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRELIMINARY MEETING. IN THE COURSE OF THESE SOUNDINGS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ENCOUNTERED, ACCORDING TO SILVEIRA, A GENERALLY SOBER, UNPOLEMICAL ATTITUDE ON THE BROAD QUESTIONS. SILVEIRA NOTED THAT THE ALGERIAN REPLY, WHICH WAS THE MOST ELABORATED, STATED THAT ALGERIA WAS DISCUSSING "WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" AN APPROACH THAT WOULD PERMIT A PHASED ADDRESS TO THE QUESTION OF OTHER COMMODITIES.

3. CONCERNING THE US POSITION OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL, SILVEIRA MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A. HE AGREED IN GENERAL WITH THE NEED TO AVOID DEBATE IN THE PREPCON ON BASIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BUT HE BELIEVED, AS HE HAD TOLD SOME OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS HE HAD CONSULTED ABOUT THE CAP LETTER, THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE PREPCON CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FULL CONFERENCE WOULD INVOLVE "SOME FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES".

B. WITH RESPECT TO THE "OTHER RAW MATERIALS" ISSUE, SILVEIRA INDICATED THAT BRAZIL WOULD BE "CAUTIOUS", WOULD REFER TO THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER FORUMS, BUT WOULD NOT RPT NOT CITE THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF SUCH AN UNPRODUCTIVE ORGAN.

C. HE SAID THAT THE SPEECH TO BE MADE BY CABRAL DE MELLO--AWAITING PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL--WOULD WARN AGAINST THE PERILS OF CONFRONTATION.

D. ON THE SITE FOR THE FULL CONFERENCE, HE SAID THAT THE GOB FAVORED PARIS, AS DID THE FIVE COUNTRIES HE HAD CONSULTED. HE THOUGHT THAT GENEVA, BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURES OF THE 77 NON-ALIGNED, WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS "NEUTRAL" THAN PARIS.

E. HE HAD NO PARTICULAR COMMENT ON OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA, INDICATING HE WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT. THIS, TO ME, REFLECTS PRINCIPALLY THE LACK OF GOB PREPARATION ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. NEITHER DID HE HAVE ANY FIRM IDEAS ABOUT THE DATE OF THE FULL CONFERENCE.

4. ON THE GENERAL PLANE, SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN STATEMENT WOULD BE "BALANCED" AND "RATIONAL". IT WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE CONFERENCE
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SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS BILATERAL OR TRILATERAL BECAUSE IT WAS BRAZIL'S UNDERSTANDING THAT EVERYONE WAS SEEKING A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BE OF GLOBAL BENEFIT. SILVEIRA WAS CAREFUL NOT TO GO INTO VERY MUCH DETAIL ABOUT THE STATEMENT BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET APPROVED HIS DRAFT, BUT IT WAS QUITE CLEAR FROM HIS COMMENTS THAT, AS WE HAVE EXPECTED, BRAZIL'S STANCE WILL BE CAUTIOUS AND THAT CABRAL DE MELLO WILL NOT TAKE

SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES.

5. SILVEIRA SAID HE WOULD TELL CABRAL DE MELLO
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ROBINSON/ENDERS. I TOLD HIM THAT
EMBASSY PARIS WAS ALREADY TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING.
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